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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

5 p.m. Conference Room 5

Oral briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 25th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/366) [7]

2. Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 9th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

Thailand

Mozambique

Myanmar

Morocco

Kenya

Bahrain

Yugoslavia

Holy See

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 10th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402-E/2001/105, A/56/403*, A/56/83, A/56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

2. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 8th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/56/11 and Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

Conclusion of general discussion

Honorariums (A/56/311)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 9th meeting — Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] (A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Address by the Secretary-General

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 1st meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 2nd meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (A/AC.257/L.7*, A/AC.257/10/Add.4, A/AC.257/21, A/AC.257/26, A/AC.257/29 and Add.1, A/AC.257/30) [1]

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development [2] (A/55/1000, A/AC.257/27, A/AC.257/27/Add.1, A/AC.257/27/Add.2, A/AC.257/27/Add.3, A/AC.257/27/Add.4, A/AC.257/27/Add.5*. A/AC.257/27/Add.6*, A/AC.257/27/Add.7*, A/AC.257/27/Add.8*, A/AC.257/27/Add.9*, A/AC.257/27/Add.10, A/AC.257/28)

Introduction of technical notes

2. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Introduction of draft outcome document

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* To be issued.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Security briefing

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Tuesday, 16 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 15 October 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

9 a.m.*- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Format and procedures of the Conference.

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 42 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.15 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

1.45 p.m. - 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 112 (Advance of women))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on a draft resolution on disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers", organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolutions on the role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament, the Convention on the Prohibition of Use of Nuclear Weapons and reducing nuclear danger, organized by the delegation of India, on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. All co-sponsors and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe, organized by the delegation of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations and potential co-sopnsors are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with the resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Financing the New Health Agenda", organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. The panellists will include H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Permanent Mission of Sweden and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee; Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP; and Dr. Andrew Cassels, Director, Health and Development, WHO, Geneva.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 12 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4389th meeting

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2001/881, S/2001/882 and Add.1 and S/2001/883 and Corr. 2)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The delegations of Colombia and Tunisia were selected, by the drawing of lots by the President, to serve as tellers.

On the first ballot, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council.

The President of the Council read out the text of a letter he had received from the President of the General Assembly, communicating the result of the voting held at the 24th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) was elected as a member of the International Court of Justice for the remainder of the term of office of Judge Bedjaoui, that is, until 5 February 2006.

4390th meeting

Nobel Peace Prize

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/28).

The Secretary-General made a statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

24th plenary meeting

Statements on the occasion of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the United Nations and its Secretary-General

The Acting President delivered a message of the President of the General Assembly and made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of African States), Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Georgia (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Haiti (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Ireland (on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States) and the United States (as the host country).

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/56/372-S/2001/881)

List of nominations (A/56/373-S/2001/882 and Add.1)

Curriculum vitae (A/56/374-S/2001/883 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Corr.2)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 264 (III), Switzerland was invited to participate in the election of a member of the International Court of Justice.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a member of the International Court of Justice for the unexpired term of office of Judge and former President Mohammed Bedjaoui, whose resignation took effect on 30 September 2001.

In the first ballot, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The Acting President of the General Assembly read out a letter he had received from the President of the Security Council, communicating the result of the voting held at the 4389th meeting of the Security Council.

Having obtained an absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) was declared elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office expiring on 5 February 2006.

Programme of work

The Acting President informed the members the General Assembly would take up, on Monday, 15 October 2001, in the morning, as the first item, agenda item 7 (Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations); on Monday, 22 October 2001, in the morning, as the third item, agenda item 17 (h) (Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences); and on Thursday, 1 November 2001, in the morning, agenda item 17 (g) (Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), Angola, Malaysia, the Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Nicaragua and Bulgaria.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 6th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 91, 92, 93 and 12 and 94

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Spain, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ghana, Uganda, Mauritius, Venezuela, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Bahrain, the United Republic of Tanzania and Gabon.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, India, Argentina and Pakistan.

Organization of work

It was decided that the Committee would take action on all draft proposals relating to decolonization and related agenda items on Tuesday, 16 October, at 10 a.m.

The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 85 (Effects of atomic radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3

The representative of Tunisia introduced the draft resolution.

International migration and development, including the question of convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), India, Japan, Indonesia, China, Venezuela and Norway, the observer for the Holy See and by the representatives of Morocco, Brazil, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and Mongolia.

12th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.2

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Nepal, Peru, Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Korea and Egypt.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 103.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 103 would be Monday, 15 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 8th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention and the Director of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, made introductory statements.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention and the Director of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Belgium, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China and India took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Zambia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Japan, Cuba, Liechtenstein and Egypt.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

9th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador (on behalf of Central American States and the Dominican Republic), Australia, China, the Republic of Korea, Bolivia (on behalf of the Andean Community), Peru, Colombia and the Russian Federation.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 8th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, the Sudan, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Thailand and Indonesia.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 165.

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2

It was announced that Algeria, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mozambique, Norway, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine, Uruguay and Yugoslavia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The representative of Monaco made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 172.

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]

The representative of the Sudan (on behalf of Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, the Gambia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, the Niger, Senegal, Somalia and Tunisia) introduced the item, on behalf of the members of the Community. Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Mali and the Niger.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2001

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE — 6th meeting

Review of the report of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism on their role and results obtained in facilitating consultative processes for negotiating and concluding partnership agreements based on national, subregional and regional action programmes [7 (f)]

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-item 7 (f) and heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Tunisia, Burkina Faso, Algeria, Mauritania, Uzbekistan, Uganda, South Africa, Burundi, Guatemala, Armenia, Paraguay, Senegal, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Myanmar, the Dominican Republic, Solomon Islands, Cuba, the Philippines, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, India, Mali and Indonesia.

The representative of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) also made a statement.

Consideration of some specific conclusions and recommendations made by the Global Mechanism and the Committee on Science and Technology related to affected country Parties experiences and constraints in the implementation of action programmes [7 (g)]

Global Mechanism: Review, pursuant to article 21, paragraph 5(d), of the Convention, of the report on the activities of the Global Mechanism, and the provision of guidance to it [9]

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 7 (g) together with item 9 and heard additional comments by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism relating to its function as a whole.

Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies [10]

The Committee began its consideration of item 10 and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania, Switzerland, Norway, Burkina Faso and Canada.

The Chairman made a statement in connection with the work of the Committee.

Outstanding items: consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure [12 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 12 (a) and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Committee then decided to recommend to the plenary of the Conference that it defer consideration of the sub-item to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of the sub-item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Group of Asian States) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Consideration of draft proposals

Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements [7]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the text of two draft decisions entitled "Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility" and "World Summit on Sustainable Development".

Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies [10]

The representative of Switzerland introduced the text of a draft decision entitled "Review of the activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies".

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Rwanda (11 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Rwanda (11 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Switzerland (12 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Morocco (12 October 2001)

Signature: Paraguay (12 October 2001)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Niger (12 October 2001)

Signature: Paraguay (12 October 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Ecuador (12 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - FOCUS ON TERRORISM UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection website (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Elimination of Poverty

In observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "The Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Reduction", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. H.E. Mr. José Roberto Andino Salazar, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, will chair the meeting. Several experts will participate in the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be made by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Sri Lanka
H.E. Mr. John de Saram

Eastern European States:
Georgia
H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
H.E. Mr. Pierre Lelong

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. Richard Ryan

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